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Your online guide to the sensational world of Sega and Sonic The Comic. Hosted by Megadroid.

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Hev. Boomers!

It's your old pal, Megadroid, back on line after a muchneeded overhaul and refit. I've been operating on standby power lately but now that I'm scrubbed, cleaned, recharged and have a new operating system, energy levels are at 100% and it's time to kick it again!

Are you chewing your free sample packet of Rowntree's Fruit Pastilles? Scrummy, aren't they? That's just for starters. Thanks to those generous humes at Halfords you also have the chance to win a genuine mountain bike this issue, plus bike computers and a whole bundle of cycling goodies.

You've been asking for him and he's here. Knuckles crashes into the new Sonic story. We've got big plans for Knuckles - so has Sega with the new Sonic & Knuckles game due out next month.

Pirate STC tunes out this issue, but if you want to see more of Fezhead and Skull you know where to write.

There's good news, great news and not so good news to give you about the next issue of STC. The good news is that the much-demanded Decap Attack returns for a new series. What is it about STC and disembodied heads? The great news is ... prepare for another free gift! Yes, a Panini Sonic Stickers album is yours if you buy STC 34!

The not so good news is that the price of STC is going up by 5p from the next issue. The humes around here say it's to do with the rising prices of paper, ink and transport (I think it's the rising prices of their cheese and pickle sandwiches at the nearby cafe!).

However, one thing's for sure -the extra 5p will be worth it. I've arranged for STC 35 to feature another free gift! It's a packet of Panini Sonic Stickers to start your collection! And there's lots more free gifts to follow, plus some sensational new series and surprises! Stick with STC for value-for-money action!



Bus Till You Drop



Sega's game-packed double decker buses continue the 1994 Sega In2 Action Tour - but are not far from the end of their journey. The buses, with free admission to try out the latest games, will be on the road for another few weeks, so it's not too late to catch

To find out if they're visiting your area call the Sega In2 Action Tour Hotline on:-

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Calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times. Make sure you get the permission from the hume who pays the 'phone bill before you call. Everything possible will be done to ensure that the buses make their appointed venues but mechanical problems, accidents or unforseen holdups can cause last-minute changes.

Catch the bus before it's too late, Boomers, Call the hotline, not STC the humes here couldn't catch a bus if it fell on them!

REDUCED REVIEWS

Unfortunately, STC is short on reviews this issue, hence the Review Zone occupies one page. However, don't worry as new games are starting to swarm into STC and the Review Zone will be fully restored next issue

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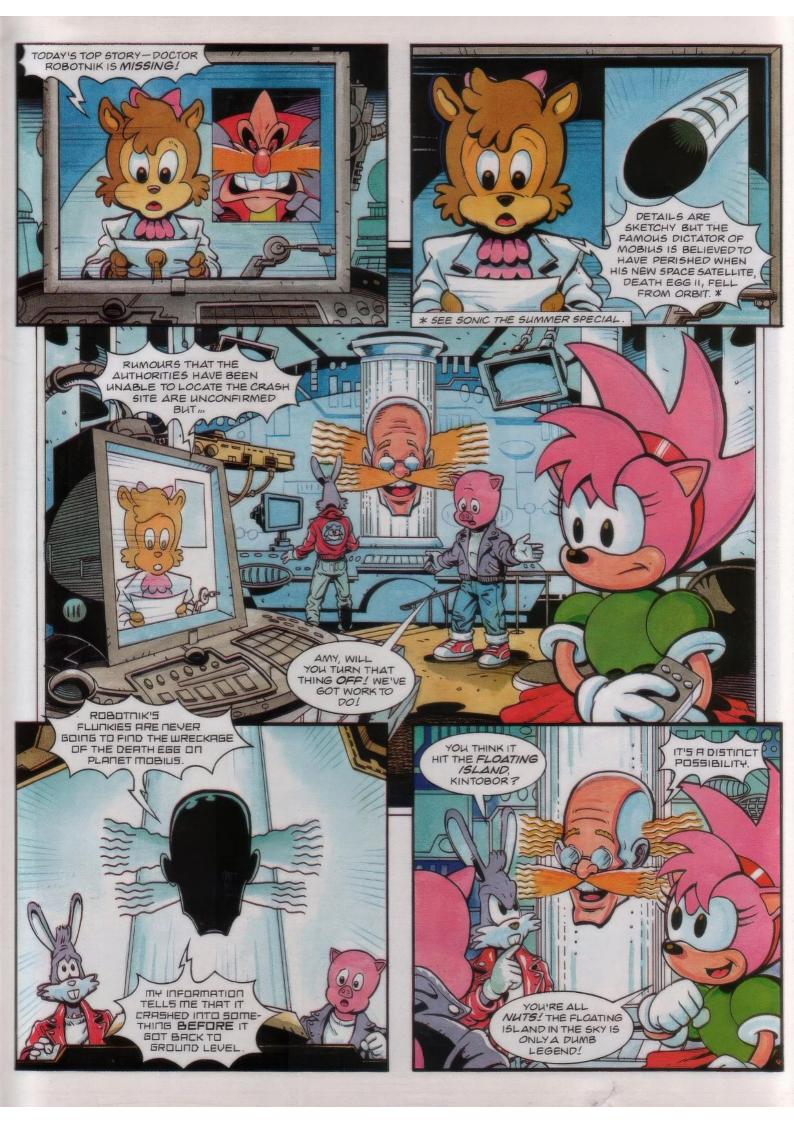
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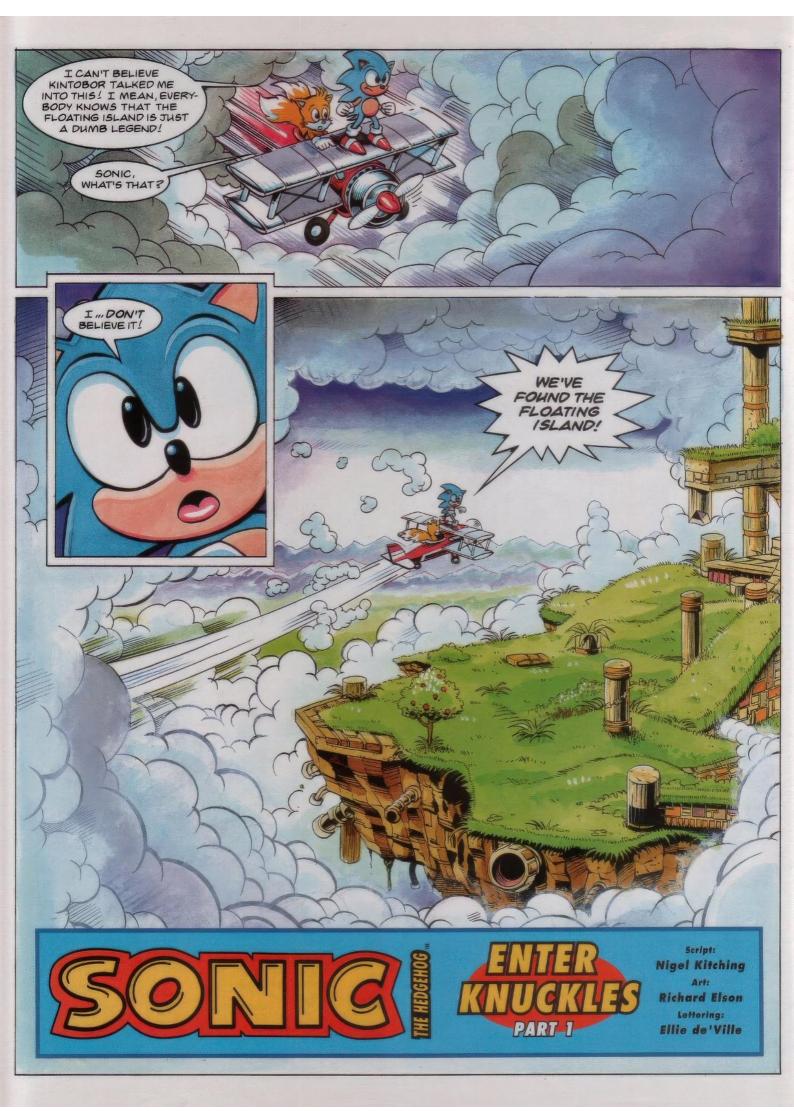
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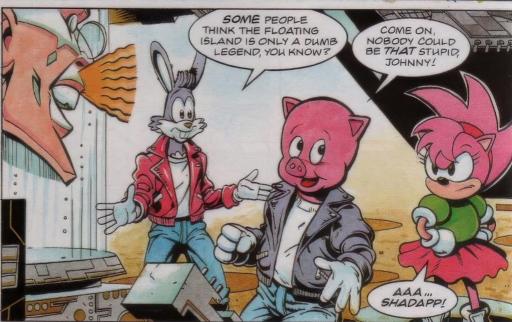
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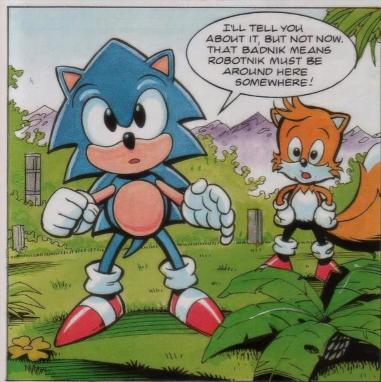
















REVIEW Zone



Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems. Reviewer this issue: Nick Protz.

CHAMPIONS WORLD CLASS SOCCER ENDORSED BY RYAN GIGGS



game type: SPORTS SIMULATION 1-2 PLAYERS

Mega Drive







Master Game Gear System

STC Rating System

under 40% - Yawnsville

40 - 70% - Normalsville

70 - 80% - Fun City

80 - 90% - Big Time City

over 90% - Mega City!

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If Manchester United forward Ryan Giggs had ever played a decent soccer sim, he couldn't have put his пате to this

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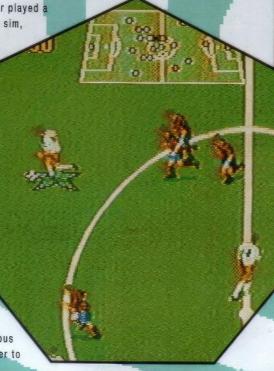
offering from Flying Edge. With the glut of football games on the market I was hopeful that Champions World Class Soccer might rival the crop currently hogging the top ten charts. Instead, this is one of the least inspiring games presently available.

The format is fairly standard and the options for customising play are minimal. You pick a team with which to enter either tournament or friendly play. There is so little attention to detail, that instead of being able to choose England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, you have to go with the fictitious Britain team. However, there is a helpful TV reporter to give you clues to your team's abilities.

Numerous problems exist with this sim, but at the fore is the side on, slightly aerial view of the pitch, which never allows a wide enough view of the playing area. Beyond this, the control method is awkward, you regularly lose sight of your players which makes picking up passes difficult, and the use of the tackle never seems to win you the ball.



For a 16-bit cartridge, Champions is very crude, the graphics are basic and the sound is reminiscent of those good old pingpong games. In short, there are much better football sims out there for the same price. - NP









MUTANT

Bring Me
The Head of
Coach Brikka

SCRIPT: Steve White/ Brian Williamson

ART: Anthony Williams/ Brian Williamson

LETTERING: Tom Frame













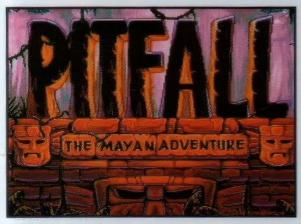


NEWS Zone

Newshound: Garry Penn.

RAIDING THE LOST ARK

Pitfall Harry rides again



There's a bizarre new trend going on at the moment — converting old (often very old) best-selling games to the latest machines. Activision's contribution

to all this is **Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure** for the Mega Drive and Mega-CD, a new rendition of *Pitfall!*, the 'ground-breaking arcade adventure game' that first appeared in 1982.



"When I designed Pitfall!," says David Crane, "I knew there was great potential in a 'run, jump and climb' adventure games, but the result was beyond any expectations. Pitfall! sold millions of copies, established a new

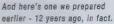
genre of adventure gaming and spawned hundreds of similar products".

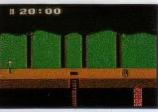
Activision claim that Pitfall! started the video game craze in the 1980's. We'd say that's a slight exaggeration, but it's certainly fair to mention that [believe it or not] Pitfall! was the forerunner to the likes of Sonic The Hedgehog and Super Mario Bros.

Run, jump and climb with Harry Junior in this new version of the game that started it all, apparently ..



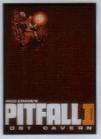








Pitfall! was first released on the Atari 2600 console (ask your grandad) and then converted to computers, including the Commodore 64 (ask your dad), and eventually sold a total of seven million copies world-wide!







In an effort to bring Pitfall!'s archaic action into the '90s, Activision has expanded the playability considerably. To ensure that what you see and hear compares favourably with what you do, Activision teamed up with leading Hollywood artists. The cartoon-quality animation comes from Kroyer Films (remember the

animated film FernGully?), while the sound was created by the Academy Award winning Soundelux Media Labs (whose work includes the films Cliffhanger and Home Alone).



In Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure, Pitfall Harry, star of the original Pitfall!, is in the hands of an evil Mayan spirit. It's up to the player, as Harry Junior, to conquer dense, dark rain forests, haunted Mayan temples and rat-infested mines to

reach the realm of the Mayan Warrior Spirit and save the day. There are



vines to swing on, pits and quicksand to cross, sneaky snakes, malicious

monkeys, killer crocodiles, deadly jaguars, scary skeletons, and much more besides (including a version of the original *Pitfall!* game hidden away). It sounds as though it could knock the official *Indiana Jones* games into a cocked hat.



Find out if Activision has succeeded in teaching this old dog enough new tricks in November when Pitfall: The Mayan Adventure is released for the Mega Drive and Mega-CD.

LEMMINGS: THE SECOND FLOOR

Loveable rodents to take more punishment



Take a good look at this map of Lemming Island — you won't get to see it again for at least another four months!

Psygnosis' lovable Lemmings are preparing to return to your Mega Drive and Master System at the end of this year in Lemmings 2: The Tribes.

For this followup, authors DMA Design have expanded their successful formula



used in Lemmings (rescuing the ridiculous rodents* from themselves and their inhospitable, trap-filled environment by assigning specific skills from a limited selection of appropriate ones). This time around the Lemmings are considerably more talented, with over 40 new skills — and a fan to blow them around!

As well as making the most of wind with hang gliders and balloons, the green-haired little

fellas can build bridges, jump, pole vault, ski, skate, fly with jet packs and magic carpets, remove ground with lasers, bombs and flame throwers, and shoot arrows, bazookas and grappling hooks. The y even have their own superhero — SuperLem!

Lemmings 2's sub-title refers to the clans of lemmings who settled on Lemming Island. When they first arrived, a prophetic talisman was broken into a dozen parts and evenly distributed among them to inspire 12 different types of tribe to establish themselves. The result is 12 distinct settings — and 12 pieces of talisman to recover: bronze, silver or gold, depending on how well you play at saving the Lemmings in over 100 puzzling levels.

Lemmings 2: The Tribes is released for the Master System and Mega Drive in November. Work has already begun on a second sequel, currently called nothing more than *Lemmings 3*, and that's due for release on at least two Sega systems (the Mega Drive 32X and the Saturn) in 1995.

' Real lemmings are small rodents (roughly four inches long) living in the Arctic Tundra. Their famous suicidal tendency is the result of mass migration to find a new home — but if they meet the sea first, they fall into it! — STC Encyclopedia of Amazing Trivia.

The Lemmings in action in Lemmings 2: The Tribes.





SHORT BURSTS

I TAWT I TAW A PUDDY TAT ...



Sylvester And Tweety are about to join the crowd of Warner Bros cartoon characters (such as Marvin Martian and Road Runner) appearing on the Sega formats. Meanwhile, Konami are in the process of producing a game based on the crazy cartoon series Animaniacs.

DOMARK DOINGS

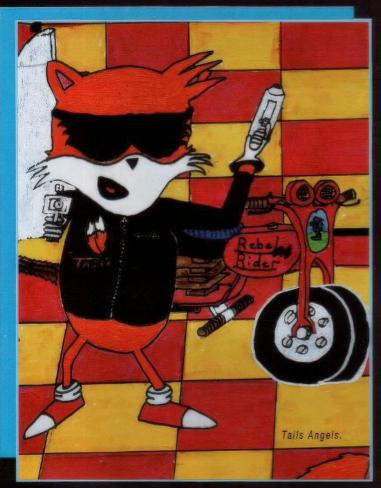
The release of Wizard Pinball for the Game Gear (see STC 19) has been put back to September ... A Mega-CD conversion of Marko's Magic Football, with even more graphics, is being put together for release in October (which is when the Game Gear version will ALSO be available) ... Also due from Domark in October is Bloodshot, a maze-based 3D shooting gallery for one or two players on the Mega Drive ... That's followed by Flying Nightmares — a flight 'n' fight simulation with the latest aircraft and for the Mega-CD — and F1 '94, an updated version of the successful racing simulation with new graphics and statistics, for the Mega Drive and Game Gear.

GOLDEN GROWTH

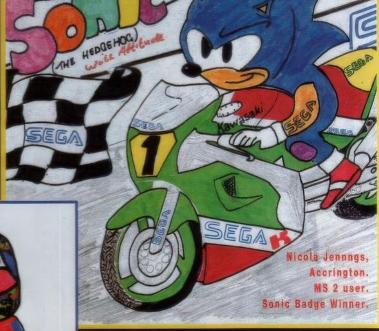
US Gold's Sega releases have been thin on the ground, but that's likely to change (at least for 16-Bit, 32-Bit — and beyond? — owners) now that the Birmingham-based publisher has set up its own research and development department. The idea is to create original games for as many formats as possible, but specific details have yet to be revealed.

GRAPHIC Zone

Being such a super fit fox and a happening hedgehog, Sonic and Tails never tyre of action! S-o-o ... here's a special selection of bike related drawings which deserve a special STC airing. Each artist Boomer behind the pen will receive an original, classic STC badge, not seen since issue 2.



Ryan Richardson,
Exeter. MD owner.
Sonic Badge Winner.



Geoffrey Hammond, † Nottingham. PC owner. Sonic Badge Winner.



Richard Ling, Hitchin.

MS owner.

Sonic Badge Winner.

On yer bike.

To help get your handywork selected in future Graphic

- * Draw in ink on white paper (avoid pencil or crayons).
- Be original and don't copy pictures from the comic try to come up with your own ideas.
- ' Include your name and address, preferably written in capital letters on the back of the page.

Once again, well done to those Boomers with the skilfull pen-control who will each receive a Sonic badge.

FEATURING

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* BADNIK ARMY REPAIR FUNCTIONARIES

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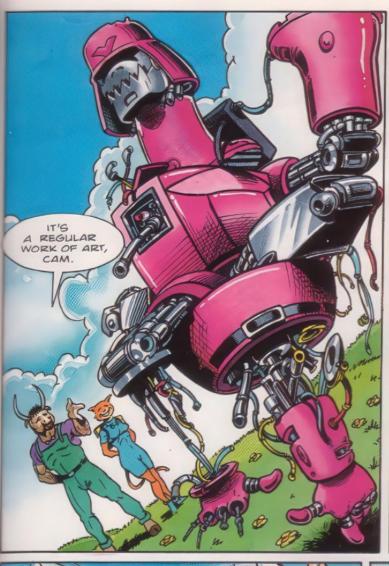
























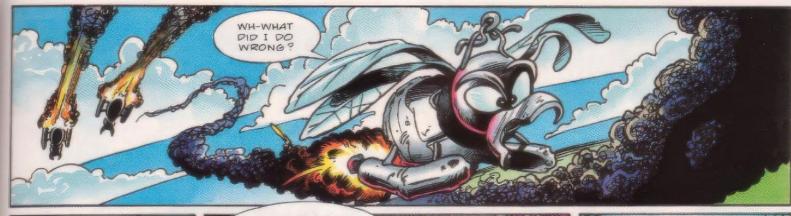












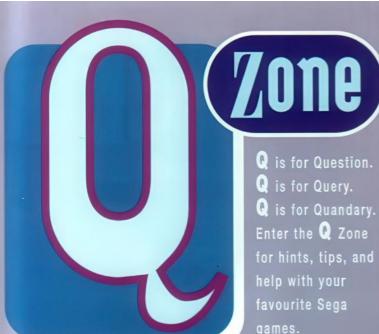












Q is for Question. **Q** is for Quandary. Enter the **Q** Zone for hints, tips, and



STC's Q Zone Special, based on the amazing Sega game Eternal Champions, concludes this issue. Those who missed the popular 48-page Eternal Champions Special earlier this year, may find this

especially useful as STC game guru David Gibbon continues to reveal all. Observant Boomers will have noted in the last issue that three Eternal Champion characters were featured — and not the full six as mentioned. However, Q Zone's special spotlight can now reveal the remaining three characters and their special moves, together with tips on how to defeat

PLEASE NOTE: Most of the moves listed in this Eternal Champions Special require a 6-butt-

PLAYING AGAINST MIDKNIGHT

MIDKNIGHT Profile:

Full Name...... Mitchell

Occupation......Bio-Chemist Time Period......1967 AD Fighting Style....Jeet Kune Do

Middleton Knight

Using a mixture of mystical powers and modern fighting styles, Midknight is a very quick and powerful character with one of the best defence stances in the game.

The Bedazzle move stuns his opponents, drawing them towards Midknight in a state of confusion. He also has a strong set of physical moves, including the very powerful stomach punch. Xavier's ability to transport out of difficult situations is a very effective counter to Midknight, while a strong and powerful opponent such as Slash also stands a good chance of victory against him.

SPECIAL MOVES

- 1. Flying Wall Smash: Move away from opponent for five seconds then proceed forward and press C.
- 2. Ceiling Ram: While within throwing distance of your opponent, press Down for five seconds then Up and C.
- 3. Life Drain: Push forward and press X, Y and Z simultaneously.
- 4. Mist Attack: Press and hold A and C on the joypad.
- 5. Dragon's Breath: Push Down on the joypad and then press C.
- 6. Mutoid Waster: Get quite close to your opponent and push forward and press Y or Z.

BEST MOVES

- 1. Bedazzle: Press X, X and Z simultaneously.
- 2. Stomach Punch: Move forward and press A, B and C together.

SHADOW Profile:

Full Name......Shadow Yamoto Occupation......Corporate

Assassin

Time Period......1993 AD Fighting Style.... Taijutsu &

Ninjitsu

PLAYING AGAINST SHADOW

Probably the most difficult character of all to defeat because of some very annoying moves she has. She is very difficult to pin down and uses her Shadow Special to turn into a shadow figure that can't be hit. The Twirling Fan Attack and High Kick are hard to defend against, but she is open to attack whilst in the air.

Characters such as Xavier and Midknight use their special moves to freeze her in mid-air and launch projectiles to get rid of her.

XAVIER Profile:

Full Name...... Xavier

Pendragon

Occupation......Warlock and

Alchemist

Time Period......1692 AD

Fighting Style....Hapkido Cane **Fighting**

PLAYING AGAINST XAVIER

Although Xavier's main strengths are his special moves, these also prove his greatest weakness. During the time it takes to build up his mystical powers he is open to attack, especially from nimble footed opponents such as Jetta.

Xavier is at his most dangerous when he uses his Dragon Trap or Snap Back moves. However, his speciality, is his ability to defend for long periods of time, before quickly casting a spell with devastating effect. It's very important to prevent him from having the time to launch an attack. His Confusion Spell stuns opponents, getting him out of corners and allowing him to take control of a fight.

Quick fighters such as Jetta and Shadow are the best when it comes to facing Xavier. Also, Larcen, who has the ability to shut off the opposition's special moves, can prove devastating for Xavier.



- opponent for a few seconds then forward and press Z.
- 2. Twirling Fan Attack: Move back for five seconds then forward and press A. B or C.
- 3. High Jump Kick: Press Down on the joypad for five seconds then press Up and B.
- 4. Flying Step Tobi Ashi: Simply hold down A and C together.
- 5. Shuriken: Move away from your opponent for five seconds then forward and press Y.
- 6. Ninja Knife: Move back for five seconds, then diagonally down-forward on he joypad while pressing Y.

BEST MOVES

- 1. Stun Beam: Move back from opponent for five seconds then forward and press Z.
- 2. Shadow Special: Press A, B and C on the joypad for a few seconds.

SPECIAL MOVES

- 1. Attack and Smack: Press A, B and C on the joypad simultaneously.
- 2. Identity Change: Press X, Y and Z at the same time.
- 3. Swap Spell: Press X and Y together.
- 4. Hanging Kick: Just press the C button.
- 5. Snare Throw: Get close to your opponent and press Z.

BEST MOVES

- 1. Dragon Trap: Move back for five seconds then forward and press Z.
- 2. Snap Back: Move away for five seconds then forward and press X.
- 3. Confusion Spell: Just press A and C together.















SPEEDLINES

Sound off to Megadroid about anything you want to de with STC, Sega or the meaning of life as we know it!

Send your letters and drawings to: Speedlines, Sonic The Comic, 25/31 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SU.

Write your name, address and Sega system you use (MD, MCD, MS or GG) clearly on your letter or drawing. Every one printed on this page wins a Segasational prize!



Prizes to be despatched within approximately 28 days of publication. If you haven't received your prize after that time, please contact the Tomy Care Line direct on the number listed below.

Есно Ессо?

Dear STC.

Whatever happened to the Ecco The Dolphin comic strip? If possible could it return for

Stuart Coleman, Croxley Green, Herts. Sonic Water Fun Game winner.



You bet, Stuart. A new series of Ecco's adventures is in the works so keep watching for more news of it. For about a zillion other

Boomers who've asked: Kid Chameleon, Eternal Champions, Shinobi and Decap Attack are also set for return appearances. Stay tuned.

Mega Problem

I own a Master System but I think I'm growing out of it. So, I was wondering, should I exchange it for a Mega Drive or a Mega-CD? What do you think?

Rhys Jones, Whitwell, Isle of Wight. MS owner.

Sonic Water Fun Game winner.



Tricky question, Rhys. Trouble is, a Mega-CD can't be used without a Mega Drive (unless you get a fantastic new - but very expensive -

Multi-Mega). So I suggest you start with an MD and put a Mega-CD on your Christmas list!

errific attoos

Will the tattoos you gave away in issue 22 be available to buy in the shops? I think they're

Mark Holmes, Basildon, Essex. MD owner. Sonic Water Fun Game winner.

Not a chance, Mark! They're exclusive to STC - and to all you Boomers out there. Mind you, if you want to see more of them write and let

James Valentine, Crumpsall, Manchester. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Belated Greetings

MEGA DROID

THE MEDGEHOGD

Please contact STC with name and address.

Megadroid gets his

First of all I would like to say Happy 1st Birthday! I must say I was surprised not to see mention of it in your previous issue. I am a keen reader of STC and have collected all of the issues so far. I have just received a Mega Drive 2 with Sonic 3 and hope to get some more Sonic games. Michael Hartney, Milton Keynes. MD & GG owner.

Sorry about not giving you any forewarning, Michael -- it kind of crept up on us too (those lazy humes even forgot to bake a cake!).

Sonic Water Fun Game winner.

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